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1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a road was to be constructed between Schnellmanns-
hausen and Groesburschla in the Niesbach district. The site of the new
road was inspected by Otto (fau), Director General, Motor Traffic
and Roads, Berlin, and Departmental Chief Messerschmidt (fau). Materials
to be made available for this construction project included 5,000 tons
of ballasting, 3,000 tons of crushed stones and 6,000 tons of crushed
rock. It is difficult to procure these materials. (1)
2. In early June 1952, [REDACTED] the road between Glasow and
Mahlow is to be widened to 6 meters. The project was declared urgent.
Two hundred workers who had been recruited from various industrial
enterprises in Saxony were employed for the unloading of construction
material. (2)
3. In late June, [REDACTED] an
asphalt road 5 km long and 7 meters wide had been built between Glasow
and Schoenefeld via Balchow and Wassmannsdorf within a two-week period.
The road was provided with a very solid subgrade. About 1,500 workers
from all over East Germany had been recruited for this project which
had probably been ordered by the SCC. The construction of the road was
supervised by Russian officers. (2)
4. After 9 June 1952, rail road cars loaded with paving stones, crushed
stones, crushed rock and asphalt were daily unloaded in Rangsdorf and
Mahlow. (2)
5. In late June, [REDACTED] the center pier of the bridge built
near Niedermuendorf by the Bauunion firm in Berlin collapsed.
The bridge has been closed. (3)

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6. In early June 1952, 70 percent of the workers of a hard coal sorting plant at Seitendorf and all the equipment of this plant were transferred to Goerlitz, where a wooden temporary bridge over the Neisse River is to be replaced by a permanent structure. (4)

25X1 7. In late June, [redacted] repair work on the autobahn bridge near Ruedersdorf was carried out by 200 workers. (5)

25X1 8. In early July, [redacted] the stretches of Autobahn between Berlin and Pankun, Berlin and the South Ring, and Berlin and the East Ring are to be reconditioned. A total of 470 tons of cement has been allocated for this project. (5)

25X1 9. In early July, [redacted] construction work on the Reichenberger Bridge in Goerlitz is making only slow progress. The span on the Polish side of the bridge has been re-enforced by wooden piers and similar work has been started on the German side of the river. The bridge floor has been removed. Workers employed on the reconstruction of the river piers use a footbridge. (4)

25X1 10. In early July 1952, [redacted] the autobahn bridges near Ruhland, Gloesa and Kaschler are to be reconstructed without delay. (7)

25X1 11. In late June, [redacted] an asphalt road was under construction between Nauen and Bernau. (8)

25X1 12. [redacted] a blueprint of the road bridge over the Peene River near Zecherin, dated 22 June 1952 at the Directorate General, Shipping, Berlin. (9)

25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- (1) This refers to a project northwest of Eisenach on the zonal border. The previous road connection between the two places crossed West German territory.
- (2) In West German press reports, this road construction project was referred to as a tank road south of Berlin. However, as the autobahn between Frankfurt/Oder and Magdeburg runs immediately south of the road mentioned and as the autobahn is far better suited for the movement of motorized or tank units, it appears more probable that the road is an approach road to the large Schoenefeld civil airfield.
- (3) This item of information probably refers to a bridge crossing the Farote-Niedermuendorf Canal northwest of Berlin. The bridge has only local importance.
- (4) Information on the reconstruction of the Reichenberger bridge in Goerlitz was transmitted previously. [redacted]
- (5) Information on the reconditioning of this bridge which is on the autobahn between Berlin and Stettin was transmitted previously. [redacted]
- (6) This item of information refers to the autobahn connecting Berlin and Stettin. The small amount of cement allocated for this project indicates that only minor repair work is planned.
- (7) The bridge near Ruhland is on the Berlin-Dresden autobahn, and the bridges at Gloesa, north of Chemnitz, and Kaschler, west of Chemnitz, are on the Dresden-Erfurt autobahn.
- (8) Information on the planned construction of a road bypass north of Berlin was transmitted previously. [redacted]
- (9) This bridge, one section of which was designed as a draw-bridge, connects Anklam with the Isle of Usedom at the mouth of the Oder River. The reconstruction of the bridge was completed on 27 March 1950.

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